

A. lycotonum, northern Eurasia, has pale yellow flowers, dramatic against dark foliage.

A. 'Ivory' is cream-ivory, to 0.8m.

A. variegatum, most of Europe to Turkey and Caucasus. Blue and white. 1.5m

These *Aconitum* appear to have either:

* be rhizocaulophyte with long-lived tap roots and multiple shoots (e.g. *x arendsii*) or

** to have discrete structures, resembling corms, living 1-2 years, the result is a slowly-expanding cluster of often disconnected clonal plants.

2) East Asian group

Growth habits as above. Many species very similar to *A. japonicum* (see below), and some with scrambling, semi-climbing habit, best growth through shrubs with an open habit. Many have branching flower spikes. All flower July to September. See ** above and photo below.



<i>A. arctuatum</i>	Korea	Deep blue	1.0m	Loose, arching habit.
<i>A. carmichaelii</i>	central China	Mid-blue	0.6-1.0m	USDA zone 3
<i>A. c. var. wilsonii</i>		Light violet-blue	1.5-1.7m	
<i>Aconitum c. 'Arendsii'</i>	nursery origin	Large clear blue	0.8-1.2m	Not a cultivar, so varies
<i>A.c. 'Barker's Variety'</i>	nursery origin	Deep purple-blue	to 2.0m	
<i>A.c. 'Spätlase'</i>		Clear blue	0.8.1.0m	
<i>A. hemsleyanum</i>	central China	Violet-blue	2.0-3.0m	USDA zone 4, scrambling habit
<i>A. h. 'Red Wine'</i>		Dark red		Highly rated.
<i>A. henryi 'Spark's Variety'</i>	China	Dark blue-purple, loose clusters	1.2m	USDA zone 3
<i>A. japonicum</i>	Japan, Korea	Deep blue	1.0-1.2m	USDA zone 4
<i>A. kusnezoffii</i>	Kamchatka	Dark blue in	1.2-1.5m	
<i>A. volubile</i>	E. Siberia	Light blue, small clusters	1.2m	USDA zone 3

References:

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[http://www.botanicalauthentication.org/index.php/Aconitum_napellus_\(root\)](http://www.botanicalauthentication.org/index.php/Aconitum_napellus_(root))

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A. arctuatum, a Korean species, illustrating the corms which many *Aconitum* species develop. These are easily separated. Each one appears to be annual; the one on the right is one from the previous year and is dead.

Images

A. napellus – typical for all European species

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A. carmichaelii 'Arendsii'

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A. hemsleyanum 'Red Wine', illustrating climbing habit

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A. hemsleyanum

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